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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1 (a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☒ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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Box No. 1 Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
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☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material:
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☐ in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing:
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☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
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3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or
industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	13
	No: Claims	1-12,14-18
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-18
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-18
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:
see separate sheet

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Reference is made to the following documents:

- D1 : EP 1 223 541 A (NOKIA CORPORATION) 17 July 2002 (2002-07-17)
D2 : EP 1 150 242 A (SIEMENS AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT) 31 October 2001 (2001-10-31)
D3 : EP 1 367 804 A (LG ELECTRONICS INC) 3 December 2003 (2003-12-03)

Re Item V

**Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement**

- 1 The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of independent claim 1 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

Document D1 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document):

A key arrangement (fig.11, ref.940) for a portable electronic device (fig.11) comprising a substantially planar body (fig.11) for lying over a circuit board that carries electronic components and an input key (fig.11, ref.940) wherein said input key is attachable to said body and is operable for relative movement along confronting surfaces of said body and said input key (paragraphs [23] and [24], fig.5a and 5b).

The subject-matter of independent claim 1 is not new (Article 33(2) PCT). Moreover, documents D2-D3 also disclose all the features of this claim, see the corresponding passages cited in the search report.

2. The same reasoning applies, mutatis mutandis, to the subject-matter of independent claim 17, referring to a radiotelephone including said key arrangement, and to the subject-matter of more general claim 18, which therefore are also considered not new.
3. Dependent claims 2-16 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step, see documents D1-D3 and the corresponding passages cited in the search report.

4. The subject-matter of claims 1-18 relates to a key arrangement for a portable electronic device comprising an input key attachable to the body of the device and has an industrial application.

Re Item VII

Certain defects in the international application

1. The features of the claims are not provided with reference signs placed in parentheses (Rule 6.2(b) PCT).
2. Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the documents D1 and D2 is not mentioned in the description, nor are these documents identified therein.
3. Independent claims are not in the two-part form in accordance with Rule 6.3(b) PCT.